



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Jeff Miller, et al.**

Serial No.: **10/656,684**

Filed: **September 5, 2003**

Title: **"Drilling Fluid and  
Method for Enhanced Suspension"**

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Group Art Unit: **1796**

Confirmation No.: **8556**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 27, 2008. Please  
amend the application as indicated below:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
that begins on page 3 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper; and
- **Summary** begins on page 12 of this paper.
- **Affidavit of Ian Robb** is attached hereto.

An extension of time is not needed for this response and but a fee is believed due

for the amendment to the claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge

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Please amend the application as follows: